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COMMENT OF THE DAY

No Change Of Heart

Clearly the most important question about Pravda's long reply to President Eisenhower's message which was directed to the Russian people as well as the Soviet Government is whether or not it indicates any change in Soviet policy or in the attitude of the Kremlin towards the non-Communist world. And it must be confessed that careful reading of the Pravda document does not reveal anything that could be regarded as such an indication. It is recognised there is a slight modification of language in comparison with earlier official and semi-official pronouncements, but it is not readily acceptable that the substitution of acidity for "vulgar abuse" signifies a changed attitude. Moreover an appraisal of concrete comments and suggestions offers little, if any, signs of a definite change from the past. The subject on which the article devoted most attention was that of Germany. After the familiar charge that the "Anglo-American bloc" has made unification of Germany impossible, the article goes on: "The question lies in concluding a peace treaty with Germany as rapidly as possible, giving the German people the possibility of re-union in a united state, and taking a place in the community of peace-loving nations, and that following this the occupation forces should be removed from Germany."

These are sentiments which have been expressed in half a dozen Soviet notes on the subject of Germany and her future. Yet there is also one notable omission. Nothing is said about the holding of free elections. A year ago the Soviet Government did accept the idea of free elections, in principle, though its proposals as then framed would have made them impossible in fact - which is the main reason why the negotiations at that time failed. It is conceivable that the omission of any reference to free elections in the latest Pravda article was accidental; but even if that is assumed there is no sign of any alteration or modification of policy or programme, and nothing to suggest that a new Four Power discussion of German problems would be approached differently by the Russians than a year ago. The Western world still hopes that the Kremlin will give more positive signs of a changed heart to the many international problems now in dispute, and particularly in relation to Germany and Austria. There is little that can be considered concrete in the Pravda reply to President Eisenhower's overtures, and until that is forthcoming the Kremlin moves to date must be regarded as a change in tactics rather than a change in policy.

Swedish Housewives Ask For Food Parcels

Stockholm, May 5. Many Swedish housewives and their husbands, who yesterday virtually stripped the shops of bread, meat and margarine, were busy tonight to send friends of firms abroad to send them supplies.

This followed an announcement by the head of the Board of Agriculture that anyone who imports his own foodstuffs, to beat the strike and lockout in Sweden's principal food industries.

The said import licences would be granted freely to firms and individuals for all scarce foods. There are also rushing to order bread.

HK Businessmen Staging Big Trade Exhibition In S'pore

GOODS VALUED AT \$2 MILLION FOR DISPLAY

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Model Of Coronation Route



At the British Industries Fair at Earls Court, Sgt. Tom A. Horn of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who arrived in London recently ahead of the Canadian Mounted Contingent who will take part in the Coronation Procession, is interested in the model of the Coronation Route - from the Abbey through to Big Ben, Westminster - showing the Coach approaching the West Door of the Abbey. On the left is Miss S. Ribeiro of the Gold Coast and on the right Pearl Connor of the West Indies.—London Express.

'Give Us Aid' Appeal By Thailand

Washington, May 5. The Government of Thailand today asked the United States for a quick increase in arms shipments to help that country prepare itself to stand against possible Communist aggression.

The request was made by the Thai Ambassador, Mr Pote Sarasin, in a meeting with the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, at the State Department.

In a statement to reporters after his half-hour meeting with Mr Dulles, the Thai Ambassador described the present situation in Southeast Asia as "grave."

"The significance of the Communist attack (in Laos) is that it is aimed at not just one country but at all Southeast Asia," he said.

"If the Communists succeed in their present attempt, there will be an immediate threat to India and Indonesia and, indeed, all of Asia."

He said the economic effects of a Communist triumph in Southeast Asia would be grave for the free world because vast amounts of food and critical raw materials would be taken from the warehouses of the free nations and placed at the disposal of the Communists.

POLITICAL EFFECT

Politically, he added, the first fruit of the Communist victory would be to bring an additional 75,000,000 people under their control.

Mr Sarasin said he brought Mr Dulles up to date on the internal situation of Thailand.

"We have reinforced our forces at the border and we are maintaining a constant air patrol," he said. "If it becomes necessary, we shall order a general mobilisation."

The Ambassador added that such an order did not appear to be imminent because the immediate intentions of the Communist, who are driving to the Laotian capital of Luang Prabang and the key city of Vientiane, are not clear.

He said the Thai nation could be counted upon to do everything it could to resist aggression.

Barriers May Lead To A Trade War

Washington, May 5. The Mutual Security Director, Mr Harold Stassen, warned Congress today that new United States trade barriers could lead to a trade war among the Allied nations and help Russia.

He was testifying against proposed high tariff legislation in the Simpson Bill, which would open the way for greater restrictions in imports, before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

He asked the Committee to extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for one year as requested by President Eisenhower.

Mr Stassen said the guiding principle in United States foreign economic policy should be to help the United States and the Allied world to grow in strength and unity and not help the Soviet programme to divide and conquer the non-Communist world.

AT CROSS-ROADS

Mr Stassen said the United States was today at the cross-roads in its foreign economic policy. No respect of American policy was more important than the course Congress chose to adopt in economic relations with other nations.

Earlier Mr Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce, had told the Committee that foreign countries would have to earn dollars by trade, tourism or other methods to pay for American goods.

"We have now reached the point where most of them can, if allowed, stand on their own feet and pay their way through normal commercial exchange of goods," he said.

World conditions called for a fundamental revaluation of America's entire foreign economic programme, but until that was done any modifications in their trade and tariff policy would be unwise and premature.

US EXPORTS

Mr Stassen said the United States exported roughly 10 per cent of the total agricultural and manufactured goods it produced last year.

Wheat farmers exported 48 per cent of their total production, cotton farmers 37 per cent, and tobacco farmers 25 per cent, with 23 per cent of tractor production and 11 per cent of manufactured tools going abroad.

The United States depended on foreign nations for all its tin, zinc, asbestos and chrome and for most of its nickel, cobalt, manganese, wool, bauxite and lead.

Any industry that depended so much on outside supplies would be "unwise in terms of its own self interests to raise new trade barriers."

Mr Stassen testified in place of the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr Ezra Benson, who was prevented from appearing before the Committee today by last minute pressure of other business.—Reuter.

50,000 REFUGEES

Mr Sarasin said 50,000 Vietnamese who fled their homeland five years ago were concentrated in a limited area in Thailand and were now being screened by the government authorities.

He pointed out that these refugees were properly described as nationalists out of sympathy with continued French influence in Vietnam, rather than as Communists.

He did not go into detail about the Thai government's requests for increased aid except to say that he did not ask for American troops and that the type of aid desired was equipment and weapons for the ground forces.

"Mr Dulles appeared to react favourably to our request," said the Ambassador. "He realised our danger."

Mr Sarasin said all that was desired at the moment was an agreement concluded between the two governments to boost arms shipments to Thailand. If that agreement was reached, he pointed out, military leaders and the American military mission in his country would work out the details.—United Press.

Egypt Nearer To Becoming A Republic

DECISION REACHED ON NEW CONSTITUTION

Cairo, May 5. Egypt moved nearer to becoming a Republic today when its fifty-man Constitutional committee agreed unanimously to draft a new constitution "on the basis of a republican regime".

On April 29 a 15-member committee recommended a parliamentary republican system as the best regime for Egypt. It proposed that the people should have the last word through a referendum which would be free from martial law.

The Prime Minister, General Mohammed Naguib, appointed the Constitutional Committee after abrogation of the 1923 Monarchist Constitution.

Last July when King Farouk left the country with his infant son, in whose favour he had abdicated, his exit was accompanied by a press campaign against the maintenance of the Throne.

In December General Naguib abrogated the 1923 Constitution "given by a monarch's bounty" proclaiming that the new Constitution should regard "the people as the source of power."

SOVEREIGN POWERS

Under a provisional Decree issued in February, General Naguib assumed sovereign powers with the right to appoint and dismiss Cabinet ministers, to do everything necessary "to protect the revolution and the regime" during a three-year transition period until the new constitution could be drafted and accepted by the people. This provisional charter did not mention the infant King Ahmed Fuad II.

Cabinet Ministers now take the oath of allegiance to the People and the laws are issued in the name of the People.

The Royal Guard has been dissolved, the prefix Royal is no longer used by the armed forces and the National Anthem "Salam al Malik" (Homage to the King) has been dropped by the Egyptian Broadcasting Network and is no longer used in the cinemas and other places of entertainment.

The ex-King's stately palaces with their beautiful gardens have been opened to the public.

The Liberation organ Al Tajjar wrote: "We have had enough of Monarchy. We want a Republic."

Censure Motion Defeated

London, May 5. The British Government came through a vote of censure in the House of Commons tonight with a majority of 29.

The voting was 294 to 265 on a Labour motion alleging inefficiency in the Government's conduct of recent Parliamentary business.—Reuter.

The notice said it was understood that no question arose of transfer of funds to countries outside China nor was there any assurance that creditors would be able to use their revalued deposits freely in China.

The banks emphasised that they accepted no obligation or responsibility in the matter.—Reuter.

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London, May 5. A modified Comet jetliner averaging 470 miles an hour today set up an unofficial record between Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and Cairo.

It covered the 2,182 miles in four hours 35 minutes, beating by over half an hour the time set up by another Comet three years ago.

The Comet set out today at 8.45 a.m. GMT on its way to Charoum for tropical trials. It has more powerful engines and a larger fuel capacity than the Comets at present in service and is the development aircraft for the Comet series-II.

The pilot was Mr John Cunningham, chief test pilot for the makers, De Havilland, who also piloted the Comet which set up the record in April, 1950.

This time still stands as the official record because today's flight was not observed for record-making.—Reuter.

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Amman, May 5.
Dr. Fawzi Muhi, former Jordan Ambassador in London, was sworn in as Prime Minister at the Royal Palace today. The former Prime Minister, Abu el Huda Tawq, resigned earlier today. Last month he told King Hussein that he would give up office three days after the King's enthronement—last Saturday.
The new Cabinet, sworn in by Dr. Fawzi Muhi, is Deputy Prime Minister, said Muhi: Foreign Minister, and Chief Justice, Dr. Hussain Khalidi; Health and Welfare, Dr. Mustafa Khalifeh; Economics and Development, Anwar Khatib; Commerce and Trade, Akkash; Education, Agriculture, Ahmad Tugan; Justice and Communications, Shafiq Erhedat; Interior, Bahjat Talhuni; Finance, Sullman Sukkar.
Dr. Fawzi Muhi will also hold the defence portfolio. Meanwhile, the Duke of Gloucester arrived in Jordan today to give the Queen's congratulations to 18-year-old King Hussein of Jordan on his enthronement last week-end.—Reuter.

BANK MISSION TO NIGERIA

Lagos, May 5.
Four members of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development arrived in Lagos today to study the economic situation of Nigeria and make recommendations. The mission will last a fortnight and will travel to all three regions of Nigeria.
The mission will also meet Government officials and representatives of both commercial and agricultural firms.—Reuter.

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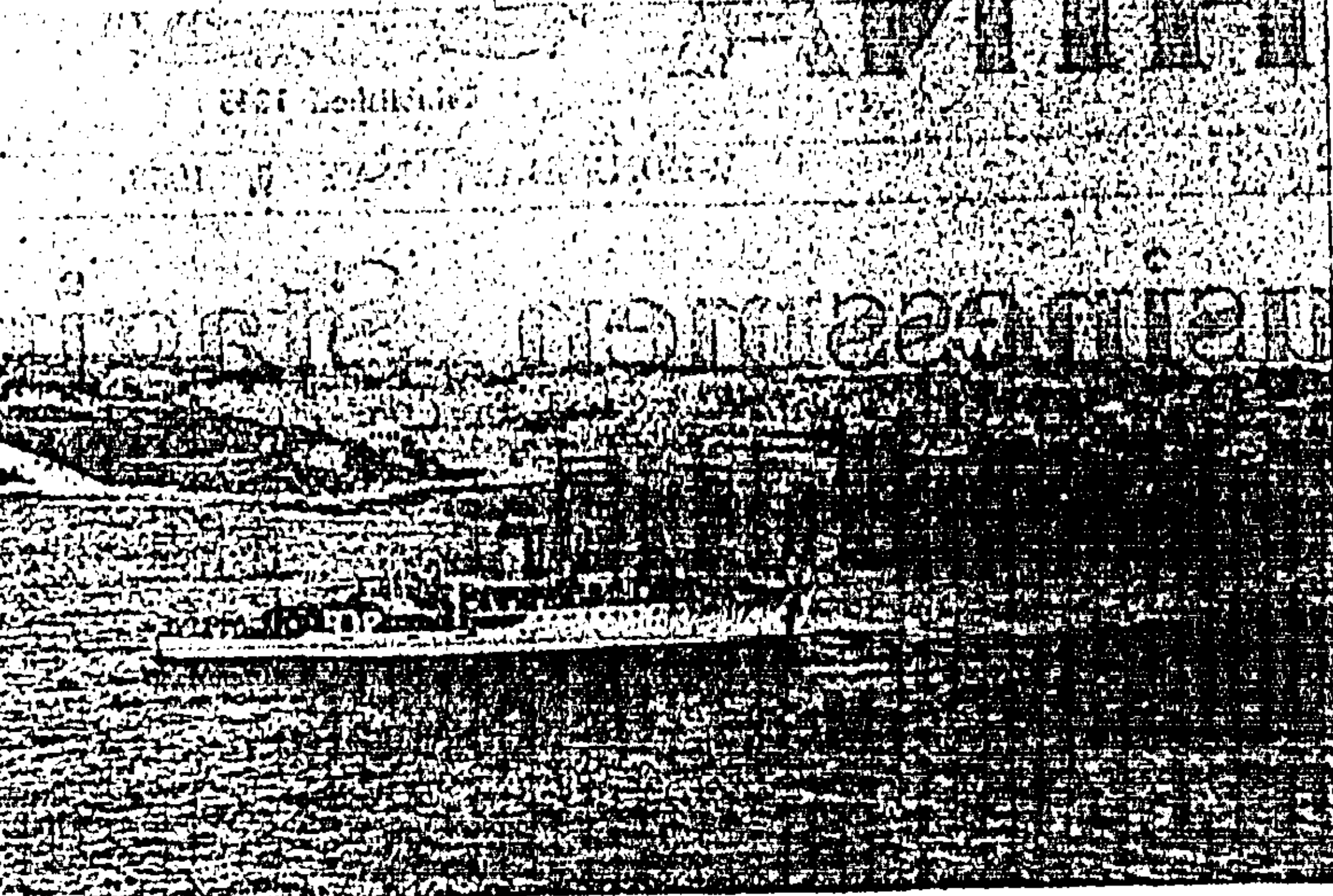
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Netherlands Warship Visits Malta



The Royal Netherlands Navy warship Boersee seen in Silema Creek, Malta, while making a short call. The vessel is returning to Holland after service in the Dutch East Indies Station. She was formerly the Royal Australian Navy corvette Todwomba before being sold to the Netherlands in 1946.—Express Photo.

"Wanted" Men Find Hide-Outs In Western Germany

Frankfurt, May 5.
Hunted war criminals, neo-Nazis and ex-Wehrmacht Generals, are finding it a simple business to hide in West Germany or to escape from the country according to evidence collected here.

The combined resources of the British, French and United States security and intelligence forces and West German police seem to be unable to make an early arrest of an escaped war criminal or a prominent ex-General wanted by the Allied or West German authorities.

There is close collaboration between Allied and West German authorities in a few cases. In the main the Allies and West Germans go their separate ways. This is because each side operates on a different legal basis, the Allies still as the occupying powers and the Germans still, partly, as the occupied.

The most prominent German for whom various authorities have recently been hunting are: Nazi S.S. (Hitler's Elite Troops) General Bernhard Lammerding, Major-General Otto Ernst Remer and Franz Rademacher. The last two are reported to have fled abroad.

Lammerding vanished earlier this year from his Dueseldorf home in the British zone shortly before the French asked the British for his extradition. Lammerding is wanted by the French in connection with the execution of 99 people at Tulle, France in 1944. He was commander of the S. S. Division "Das Reich" and was sentenced to death in his absence by a military tribunal at Bordeaux.

Early last month the French also asked the American authorities in Germany to look for Lammerding in their zone. Another prominent ex-Nazi who disappeared for some weeks was Dr. Friedrich Karl Bornemann, associate of Werner Naumann, former state secretary in the Nazi propaganda ministry, and his group of alleged neo-Nazi plotters.

Bornemann fled from his home in Dueseldorf last January when the British security police swooped on Naumann and six other ex-Nazis in Hamburg and North Rhine Westphalia.

After the British had announced that they had handed the Naumann case over to German jurisdiction, Bornemann came out of hiding in the United States zone and gave himself up to the German judicial authorities. Bornemann had been a Hitler Youth leader until the war, when he joined the army. After the war he worked as a journalist, publishing several private information newsletters, one of which gave news on all right-wing groups in West Germany with a view to co-ordinating their activities.

Two German war criminals who escaped from the British-controlled prison at West-Phalia, late last summer are still at large. They are Hans Kuehn, aged 38, and Wilhelm Kappe, aged 41.—Reuter.

Having Another Go At It

Frankfurt, May 5.
The Zeigeburg Town Council said today that German engineers have started to demolish Hitler's former military headquarters in the town.

They expect the job will take two years to complete. Previous attempts to blast the tremendous concrete pillboxes, from inside which Hitler directed the war against France in 1940, failed to do much harm to the bunkers but broke all the windows of neighbouring houses.—Reuter.

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Bold Action Urged On European Steel Industry

Geneva, May 5.

A bold policy of modernisation in Europe's steel industry is urged in a report published here today by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

The report stresses the enormous progress made in the United States by the introduction of the continuous wide strip steel mills and stated that only by replacing present obsolete methods can Europe's industry hope to be in any position to compete in international trade.

"The full benefits of modern productive processes can be attained more rapidly if a well thought out obsolescence policy, bolder than is at present conceived, is put into operation," the report says.

Pointing out that wide strip sheet steel production in America reached a total of 28 million tons in 1951, compared with two millions in Europe, the report says that the strip mills now in operation or to be put into operation in Europe

are being run uneconomically since they work well below full capacity.

These mills are planned to produce 9.6 million tons of sheet steel by 1956, but their production capacity is estimated at 17.2 million tons, according to American standards, the ECE says.

In a 100-page bulletin, the United Nations steel industry are at least four times higher than any other country, the production price of sheet steel is lower than in any nation with the exception of Britain, where three large wide strip mills are now in operation.

CAR INDUSTRY

Western Europe's motor vehicle industry could create and sustain a big increase in demand if car producers were to concentrate primarily on certain types, the report stated.

"First of all, there is a case for a really cheap, small popular car with a minimum of refinement and economic to run.

"Secondly, there is scope for a large, more rugged vehicle, also simple and economical to run, and capable of tackling primitive roads, designed specifically for the under-developed countries.

"Thirdly, there is scope for the mass produced car."

If such cars were produced on a really large scale, the bulletin continued, the outlook for the European motor industry would probably be transformed.

LAGGING BEHIND U.S.

Although Western Europe's motor industry is far ahead of the Soviet Union and Eastern European countries, it has lagged far behind the United States, the report says.

Of the 73 million motor vehicles in the world last year 51 millions were in the United States which has only seven per cent of the world's population.

This means that last year there was a car to every three Americans.

In Western Europe, the number of motor vehicles in existence rose from eight million in 1938 to only 10 million in 1952.

In the United States the figures jumped from 29 million in 1938 to 51.5 million last year.

The totals in the Soviet Union were 679,000 in 1938 and 1,800,000 in 1950.—Reuter.

SHOCK FOR POOL PLAN COUNTRIES

Bonn, May 5.

The West German Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament) today authorised the Government to levy a production tax of up to 12 per cent on the value of all iron and steel products manufactured in other Schuman Plan countries.

The motion was tabled jointly by all major parties and carried against four Communist votes.

Herr Gerhard Kreyssig (Social Democrat) told the House the tax was necessary because "different taxation systems in the Coal and Steel Pool countries completely distort the so-called common market."

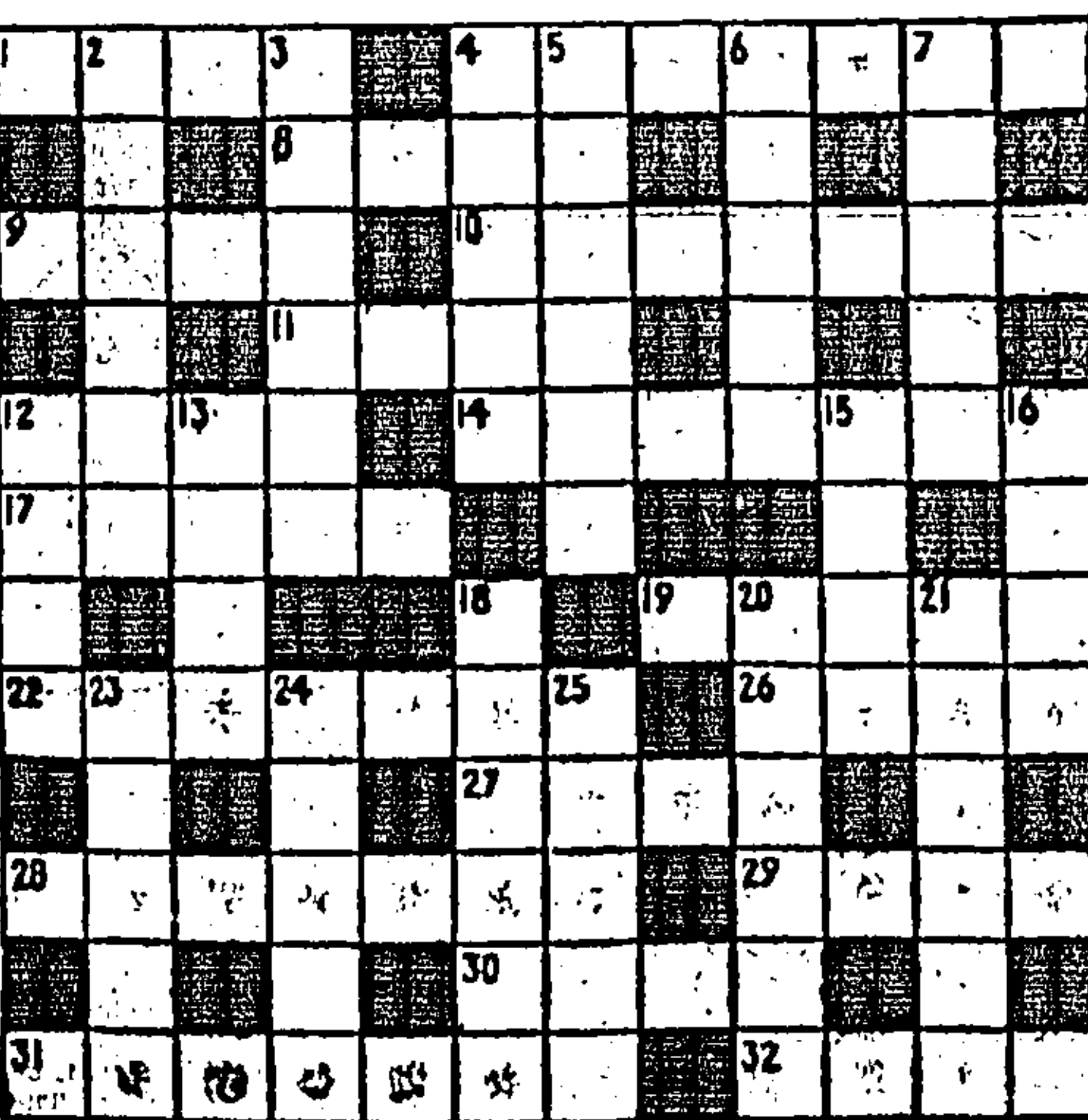
He said that at present a certain quality of German steel could be sold in France at 473.32 marks per ton. A ton of the same type of French steel would sell in West Germany for 385.50 marks.

"Between 30,000 and 60,000 steel workers in the Ruhr are threatened with unemployment unless we change this situation," he said.

The Bundestag resolution limited the production tax provisionally until June 30, 1954.

The bill, which went through all three readings today, must go to the Bundestag (Upper House) and be signed by President Theodor Heuss to become law.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Pudding ingredient (4).
- 4 Debate (7).
- 8 Impoverished (4).
- 9 Support (4).
- 10 Power (7).
- 11 Cooler (4).
- 12 Poems (4).
- 14 Sack (7).
- 15 Discourage (5).
- 16 Divide (5).
- 22 Plans (7).
- 23 Optical glass (4).
- 27 Weathercock (5).
- 28 Piece of furniture (7).
- 29 Observe (4).
- 30 Torn (4).
- 31 Withdraw from (7).
- 32 Part of an egg (4).

DOWN

- 2 Scrape (6).
- 3 Resist (6).
- 4 Drugged (5).
- 5 Sarcasm (6).
- 6 Top of the milk (5).
- 7 Bags (5).
- 12 Inequality (4).
- 13 Emerge (4).
- 16 Lary (4).
- 18 Complete collections (4).
- 19 Venerable (8).
- 20 Abundance (6).
- 21 Infuse slowly (6).
- 22 Pursue (6).
- 23 Best people (6).
- 25 Glutted (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Stream, 6 Route, 8 Car, 9 Repair, 10 Canal, 11 Digit, 12 Lair, 13 Poets, 14 Do, 15 Adore, 20 Enred, 22 Sun, 23 Adder, 24 Trace, 26 Ranges, 27 Order, 28 Plans, 29 Defend, Down: 1 Surprise, 2 Republic, 3 Acid, 4 Mariner, 5 Recipes, 6 Orator, 7 Usage, 14 Struggle, 15 Supposed, 16 Daddies, 17 Sarcasm, 18 Reason, 21 April, 24 Rave.

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Australians' Gesture



"Embassy Prisoner" Tells Story Of Five-Year Ordeal

Berlin, May 5.

George Bundock, 30-year-old British ex-paratrooper who has spent the last five years cooped up inside the British Embassy in Moscow, arrived here today on his way home to England.

"I am glad to be out of Moscow," he said. "I want to forget the past. For me it's home in London — although I have no settled address — and then a holiday in the wide open spaces, anywhere, before deciding on the future."

"A Soviet People's Court sentenced Bundock in 1948 to 18 months' imprisonment, accusing him of an offence against a Russian girl."

Bundock said today: "I committed no crime but I had no diplomatic immunity."

BULLION STORY DISPROVED

Washington, May 5.

After a week's search, the log and was diary of the American destroyer Peary failed to show she was carrying bullion when she sank in Darwin Harbour, Northern Australia, during the Second World War, a United States Navy spokesman said today.

The Navy checked records when it was reported that salvage rights to the lost ship were being sold in Australia last month.

After the war a story developed that she was carrying a million dollars worth of bullion (about £357,000) when she went down.

The Navy spokesman said some records concerning the Peary were still classified as secret, and some had been lost with the vessel, but "there is nothing to indicate any gold aboard her."

The Peary and other ships were sunk by Japanese bombers in an air raid on Darwin in February 1942.

Salvage ships had never located the sunken destroyer. The United States Navy had made only a brief search at the end of the war.

The fast-running tide rip through Darwin Harbour entrance was believed to have buried the ship in silt.—Reuter.

Green Peas Were Red

Bangkok, May 5.

The first step has been taken to prevent the re-shipment of green peas from Red China to the United States.

Green pea dealers — Thai, Chinese and European — met at the Foreign Trade Department of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and were told that the United States was boycotting Communist China's green peas.

Green peas have been shipped to the United States along with Thai peas for the fulfilment of export contracts.

The Director-General of the Foreign Trade Department told merchants to register all stocks of green peas, and state their origin.—United Press.

Territorials Will Signal

London, May 5.

Territorials of Prince Louise's Kensington Regiment marching along the Coronation route will signal the start of the procession from Westminster Abbey on June 2.

The regiment's commanding officer, Lieut-Colonel D. C. Cooke, waving in the Peary stand opposite the Abbey entrance, will receive a signal at the ceremony ends.

He will pass the news to 18 points on the route, where sections of the procession will be waiting.

They will move off simultaneously along the 10-mile route to Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

Mother Of 'Miss Universe' Disapproves Of Sudden Marriage

Helsinki, May 5.

Miss Armi "Universe" Kuusela's mother, said today that she had a dream that Armi fell into a ravine the night before her daughter's sudden marriage to Filipino Virgilio Hilario.

"And I feel the dream has come true," she added mournfully.

Martha Elisabeth Kuusela, 49, said that she definitely disapproved both of the marriage and Armi's failure to contact her parents before she took the step.

She sniffed at her daughter's leonine wedding telegram which arrived at the parents' Muihos, North Finland, home several hours after she had learned about the marriage through the United Press.

The telegram read: "Married. Happy. Husband best you can think of. Don't worry. I'm in good hands. Hoping impatiently for your blessing. With love, Armi."

"Father is not a man to talk. He has not said many words about the whole thing," said Mrs Kuusela.

But Armi's sister Kirsti, 10, burst into tears. So did Mrs Kuusela.

Mrs Kuusela said that they had not cabled congratulations to Armi for "we don't even know how to address it."

SERIOUS STEP

She was busy writing a letter to her son-in-law and said, "You can let I am laying down the law to him."

She quoted her letter asking him, "Do you really understand what a serious step you have taken? I sincerely hope that you have not only been bewitched by Armi's beauty but it is a sincere love on your part. Finnish girls are raised to become faithful wives. Beauty vanishes and if you leave her when she is no longer attractive her heart will be broken."

Mrs Kuusela also remarked that she "cannot understand how Armi can feel comfortable in the hot climate of the Philippines."

"If must be like staying in a Finnish sau (steam bath) all the time," adding, "twice weekly is enough."

Finns have a habit of taking a sau bath twice a week.

COULD HAVE WAITED

Mrs Kuusela said she thought that Armi "could have found a husband not that far away from Finland."

"At least she could have let some time pass before marrying even if she really loves him. And she ought to have told us beforehand," she said.

Mrs Kuusela said that her dreams often come true and that she really was warned by a dream, she said, the night before the news about her daughter's marriage.

She said, "In the dream I saw Armi riding a horse on the top of a mountain. There was a large crowd watching her, including myself and Father. Suddenly Armi fell from the horse."

BRIBERY CHARGES LEVELLED

Ex-Police Chief Arrested

Berlin, May 5.

A former East Berlin police chief, Ernst Klein, 64, is under arrest in West Berlin on bribery charges, the police announced today.

He was suspected of bribing West Berlin police officers to obtain secret information from them. Klein denied the charges.

The police would not say whether he was charged with passing such information on to East German police or Soviet authorities.

Klein was chief of the criminal police in East Berlin from 1945 to 1949.

He was pensioned off four years ago and tried to get jobs at West Berlin police headquarters where his application was turned down because of his "more than dubious political intentions," the police said.

Dr Johannes Stumm, then West Berlin police chief, told him to keep away from police headquarters when he began to "become a nuisance."

Today's police announcement did not say when he was arrested.—Reuter.

"Izvestia" Says Its Little Piece

London, May 5.

The Soviet Government newspaper, "Izvestia" today, Soviet Press Day—called for "the development of business relations with all countries," according to a Tass message received in London.

It also stressed "the increasing light of the Soviet press for the maintenance and consolidation of peace and for international co-operation."

Izvestia reported that there are more than 8,000 daily and weekly newspapers published in the Soviet Union.

Izvestia said that the newspapers had a total circulation of 41,000,000.

"Press Day" marks the 41st anniversary of the Communist newspaper Pravda whose first editor was Stalin.

Pravda now has a circulation of more than 3,000,000.—Reuter and United Press.

Jewish Settler Killed

Rafia, May 6.

A Jewish settler was killed early yesterday, and his wife was seriously wounded when an armed band raided the new immigrant settlement in Enkeb near the border of the Arab triangle according to reports reaching here.

The killing, which is similar to the murder of a Jewish couple in Galilee last month, is believed to have been committed by Arabs who illegally crossed the border.—France Press.

"Catastrophe" Warning To Strikers

Paris, May 5.

Striking ships' officers today paralysed almost every French merchant vessel now in a home port and a spokesman for the owners said the stoppage would be catastrophic if it continued.

The officers, demanding a 40-hour week—which the employers say is economically impossible—have promised a reply tomorrow to compromise proposals made at a conciliation meeting called last night on Government intervention.

Lower deck men, who have made common cause with their officers without formally declaring a strike, left a similar meeting saying they would reply on Thursday.

Tug men in some ports are supporting the strike and only foreign shipping is moving.—Reuter.

Make Haste Slowly, Says Minister

London, May 5.

The Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, said today that patience had to be shown towards recent Soviet "peace" moves.

He was addressing the International Arbitration League at the House of Commons.

Mr Lloyd said the Russians dealt with facts and were impressed by them.

He continued: "We must be patient, hasten slowly and keep the momentum going. We must not try to force the other side prematurely to take a fixed position on controversial issues."

"We have to take every opportunity to improve relations and seek to solve the one or more issues which divide us."

Mr Lloyd said the British Government had praised what it perceived regarding international arbitration and it was always Britain's principle to submit disputes to arbitration.

The International Arbitration League helped to bring into being the permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague, the forerunner of the present International Court of Justice.—Reuter.

Protest Holds Up Election

Geneva, May 5.

The World Health Assembly refrained from electing a chairman and officers for its present session after the Indian delegate, Rajkumar Ji Amrit Kaur, Indian Minister of Health, had protested that the nominations committee had failed to include a representative of the South-east Asian region in its list of proposed appointments.

The Assembly decided to refer the question of appointments back to the nominations committee, which will report to a plenary session of the Assembly tomorrow afternoon.—Reuter.

Rangoon's Debt To Britain

London, May 5.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was asked in the House of Commons today if the Government of Burma had now arranged settlement of its debt to Britain of about £27,000,000.

When he replied that she had not Mr Thomas Reid, Labour, asked if the Burmese Government had admitted the debt and if its reason for not paying was a financial difficulty.

Mr Butler replied: "I would not like to comment on the particular difficulties of the Burmese Government."

"I would like to say conversations have taken place with the Burmese Government and we are aware of the importance of the question."

"We are awaiting an answer from Burma."—Reuter.

PROTECTING THE PRESS

Washington, May 6.

Representative Louis Heller, Democrat from New York, has tabled a bill in the House under which newspapermen would not have to reveal their sources of information except in cases involving national security or crimes.

Under Mr Heller's bill journalists would be entitled, if they so wished, to refuse to answer questions on their sources of information before a federal grand jury, federal courts and congressional committees.—France Press.



Father Thomas O'Donnell, the Irish priest who was one of seven men released after two years and eight months of internment in North Korea, has a cheerful wave for onlookers as he lands at Abingdon, England, from an R.A.F. Hastings ambulance aircraft which had flown the released men from Moscow.—Express Photo.

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"THEY HAVE THEIR EXITS" ... CHAPTER 15

At midnight Hugh Woollett and I checked the money and identity papers the agent had given us. For me it was another change of identity: I was to be a Czech refugee in Un-occupied France, allowed to travel to Marseilles. With the papers went a shabby-genteel blue suit and a cloth cap.

Zero hour for our departure from the hotel was half-past three in the morning. We lay down on the beds but could not sleep. A clock in the town struck half-past three, a large black car drew up outside the hotel and I saw two men in dark hats and coats get out. Footsteps echoed up the stairs, there was a faint tap on the door and a tall man in a mackintosh, like some Continental hero of detective fiction, came into the room and gave the password.

Entering the car with two plain-clothes and two uniformed Swiss police we drove swiftly out of Geneva.

The police car sped southwards, and dawn revealed mountain peaks and the shores of the Lake of Geneva. The car stopped near a small cemetery and there, with the police officer, we crouched among the graves underneath a wall of flints. Over the wall was a broad carpet of wire dividing France from Switzerland.

"All is arranged on the other side," said the tall man in a mackintosh. "You have only to go across the wire and stand by the sign-post to Annemasse. Remember us to Mr Churchill."

At five o'clock exactly Woollett and I vaulted the wall and climbed slowly over the wire. As I crossed the last strand there was an awful rending sound and I felt the cool morning air upon my thighs. I turned to see a substantial piece of my trousers clinging to the frontier defences. A muffled laugh came from behind the cemetery wall. Woollett lent me his raincoat to conceal the gap.

When we reached the sign-post to Annemasse the road was full of cyclists. We had been told to meet at 5.30 a.m. a man wearing a blue smock and smoking a clay pipe and slide down who would act as our guide. To our dismay this was a very fair description of practically every man to be seen upon the road. We were beginning to despair of making contact with our guide when a middle-aged man of distinguished appearance leapt off his bicycle and, removing an inverted clay pipe from his mouth, bowed low and respectfully. We exchanged passwords.

"Good morning, gentlemen," said the man in perfect English. "I am sorry to be late. Let me introduce myself — I am Louis" formerly of the Ritz Hotel, London.

Louis had a square forehead and silver grey hair. He could picture him in a black tail coat attending to hotel guests with dignified assurance.

LOUIS looked at our clothes with a quizzical expression on his fine features. "Your disguise is not good. You look the perfect gentlemen."

"She removed the blanket revealing long black hair."



INTO FRANCE, WITH

THE MAN FROM the RITZ, LONDON

By Airey Neave, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

"We are supposed to be shadows of a cloister. She sat quietly at the table for a moment and then spoke to Louis. Her voice had the tone of a vesper bell."

"I shall take you past the frontier post in a few minutes. We shall come upon it suddenly at a bend in the road," he said. Far ahead I could see a French douanier in a cape. Woollett and I, aided by the storm, mingled with the crowd passing the control post with heads bowed against the wind and

rain. Louis ignored us and, wheeling his bicycle up to the douanier, engaged the man in a laughing conversation.

A mile beyond the frontier Louis, rejoining us, led the way to a new brick house. In the kitchen, a huge dish of eggs fried in butter was swiftly set before us by Louis' wife, who had fine grey hair and the manners of a duchess.

"I have prepared a special London breakfast for you," she said proudly. "I have not slept the whole night in case something should go wrong. Thank God you have got this far."

There was a knock at the door and a young girl entered, her head covered in a blanket.

She removed the blanket, revealing long black hair. Her face was very white as if she had spent her life in the

in prayer. She said nothing until she rose, ready to go. Then I saw her face clearly. Her eyes had the fervour of a deep faith, and in her salow features were the lines of suffering willingly borne.

WE walked with Mademoiselle Jeanne through small-holdings into Annemasse. In a door of a decrepit house where another young, red-faced French woman led us through a dark passage to a kitchen. I drank two further cups of coffee and with enormous effort swallowed more fried eggs. An hour passed in silence broken only by the ticking of the kitchen clock.

Suddenly there came a knocking on the door. A round-faced man, addressed by Mademoiselle Jeanne as Alex, informed us that he had come with his car to take us to Annecy.

At the doorway Mademoiselle Jeanne did not smile, but shook my hand quite fiercely as she said good-bye.

An ancient Citroen rattled us along the road to Annecy. Alex was a cheerful, plump person much occupied with the Black Market, yet at the same time a patriot and an efficient organizer. The snow glistened on the mountains as the road wound at their foot. Sometimes the engine of the car, driven by a charcoal burner, began to choke and gasp, and once after a sharp explosion, it came to a stop. Then we heard a treble horn in the distance and a vehicle, flashing a light, creased towards us.

"The flicks!" exclaimed Alex. "Save yourselves!"

Tomorrow: Maurice the Magnificent.

If going abroad by Nathaniel Gubbins

IN France this is politeness week, and I hope none of you will be mean enough to think it has anything to do with the holidays and the increased travel allowance for British tourists.

Moreover, Colonel McCormick, the American newspaper proprietor, who has been cross with us for so long, has discovered at last that we have one virtue.

"I am struck," he said on a visit, "by the good manners of everyone in England."

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Therefore, if you are travelling in France you have a chance to test your native good manners against French politeness in the ding-dong battle to keep as much as possible of your travel allowance in your own pocket.

When the porter at Boulogne has carried your luggage from the boat to the train, bow from the waist, raise your hat with one hand and give him five francs with the other.

This will be the first test of French politeness, so get smartly into the train before he assaults you.

When you pay the taxi-driver in Paris, give him the exact fare with a warm smile and another flourish of your hat.

This will be the second test of French politeness versus English good manners, but as you won't understand a word of his heated monologue you can let yourself be saying "Thank you" a thousand times.

In restaurants, when you pay your bill (all right—padding, if you must show off), gather up all your change and bow yourself out.

This will not only be a test of French politeness but will prove whether the head waiter is the homicide he usually looks.

In the days when the French thought all travelling Englishmen were millionaires it was the custom, when you were leaving for hotel staffs to line up on either side of the exit with their hands out. Some of them brought their aunts, mothers, and grandmothers to share in the largesse.

With the increased travel allowance this custom may be revived. So, shake each hand heartily as you go, raise your hat once more, and see if your English good manners will get you a cab to the station—or even get you out of the country alive.

Gentlemen In Retirement

GOING away, old man?

Can't afford it, old man. Same here, old man. Though some lucky people can.

Meaning anyone in particular?

You know the one I mean, old man. He's not only going away but going away in a new car.

Well, I suppose he can afford it.

I happen to know what his pension is, old man.

Perhaps he has some capital, old man.

Perhaps he has. Perhaps we all have. But some of us put it by for the little woman. We can't live for ever, old man.

He looks as if he might last for quite a bit.

Not with a stomach like that, old man. He's been digging his grave with his teeth for years.

Then perhaps the rest will do him good, old man.

Perhaps it would do us all good, old man. Perhaps we'd all like to spend a holiday in a posh hotel, with no shopping, or cooking, or washing up to do.

I'd certainly like it, old man. So would I, old man. Polish the grates isn't so funny when you have lumbago.

Nor is bending over washing machines to save the laundry bills. Was he wearing an open-neck shirt, old man?

Wide open, old man. It's rather pleasant driving with an open-neck shirt.

It's not pleasant for others when you have a neck like a turtle, old man.

But he can't help that, old man.

Of course he can't, old man. He can't help having grey hairs on his chest, either, but at least he can cover them up. When I saw him off I felt quite sick.

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Another cream bun, old man? No thanks, old man. I've a lot of shopping to do before everything closes down for the holidays.

So have I, including a chocolate egg for the nephew. You'll be lucky if you get one, old man.

But there are must be plenty now streets are unrationed, old man.

Not when certain pigs in open-neck shirts buy up the lot, old man.

What the lot, old man? Cleared the shop right out, old man. Last week he was robbing the kiddies of bananas. This week it's chocolate eggs.

Dream Encounter

A TOM CAT in a fez and a dark glasses was piloting the aircraft taking me on my first visit to Russia.

"Why are you going to Russia?" asked the Tom Cat. "Because they have invited reporters there," I said. "Why are you going?"

"Because out of a population of 200,000,000," said the Tom Cat, "there must be at least half a million pretty girls. Boy, oh, boy."

We went into a steep climb and landed in the Red Square. A Crocodile in a wing collar and with a smile a yard wide came forward to meet us. In either hand he held a bottle of vodka and a dish of caviar.

"Who are you?" asked the Tom Cat.

"I am Vishinsky," said the Crocodile. "I love everybody. Who are you?"

"I was once King of Egypt," said the Tom Cat. "I love pretty girls."

"This is Molotov," said the Crocodile. "He is learning to speak all over again. He can say 'Yes' now."

"What could he say, but yes?" asked the Tom Cat.

"Only 'No, no, no,'" said the Crocodile.

"How would you like me to be King of Russia?" asked the Tom Cat.

"Wonderful," said the Crocodile. "Maybe another monarchy would do us good."

"Yes, yes, yes," said a Cheese in a black Homburg hat and pince nez.

"Then let's have a coronation," said the Tom Cat. "Can I be Prime Minister?" asked the Crocodile.

"No, no, no," said the Cheese. The Crocodile hit him with the bottle of vodka.

"Why did you do that?" asked the Tom Cat.

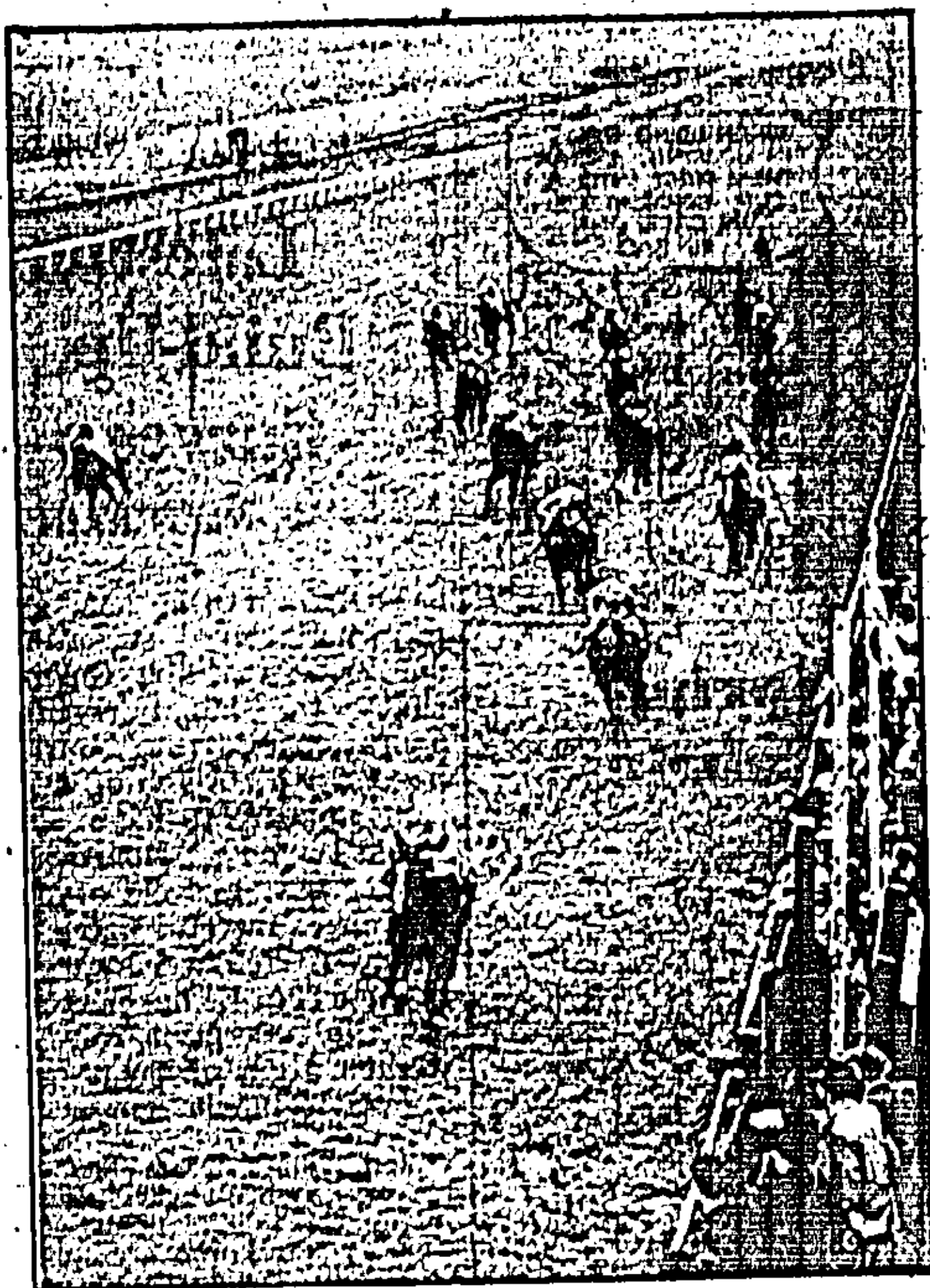
"Because I believe your majesty likes yes-men around you," said the Crocodile. "I prefer yes-women," said the Tom Cat. "At last," said the Crocodile. "Yes, yes, yes," said the Cheese.

(London Express Service)



FIVE DAYS AFTER THE REBELLION HAD FAILED, LADY JANE GREY WAS EXECUTED. WYATT'S EXECUTION FOLLOWS EIGHT WEEKS LATER.

GUINEAS FINISH



The finish of the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket with Neurula winning from Bebe Grande and Oleandrin. The Queen's horse, Aureole, is out on the left. — Central Press Photo.

THE DUNLOP 2,000 GUINEAS

Bobby Locke The Only Player To Beat 70 On The Tough West Course

Virginia Water, Surrey, May 5.

Bobby Locke, South Africa's holder of the British Open Golf Championship—among his many honours—soon showed that he is still a "top golfer" today when he was the only player to beat 70 on the famous west course of the Wentworth Golf Club here.

He was competing with more than 150 other players in the first round of the Dunlop 2,000 Guineas Tournament and finished in 69.

The west course will be the scene of this year's Ryder Cup match between Britain and the United States, and is recognised as one of the toughest inland courses of Britain.

Locke, however, was in his element from the start and his nearest rival was D.J. Rees with 71.

On the easier east course, where a number of rounds in the "60s" were accomplished, Charlie Ward led with 67, followed by Jimmy Adams and Eric Brown, each 68.

Tomorrow the courses are reversed and the first hundred players on the 36-hole aggregate play a round on the west course on Thursday. Then the first 50 on the 54 holes played take part in the final 36 holes on the west course on Friday. Ward had set the pace on the east course, being one of the very

early starters but Jimmy Adams, making his first tournament appearance since his return from a year with the Royal Sydney Club in Australia and a recent illness, chased Ward all the way, he accomplished the last nine holes in 32 and only just failed to force a tie.

W. Shankland joined Adams at 68, and then Eric Brown came along to finish on the same mark. Ward had covered the last nine holes in 31, having recovered all his old magic touch and he only just failed to get his four at the long 18th when having a chance of 30 for the nine holes.

Needless to say, the main excitement was on the west

course, with Locke and the British maestro, Henry Cotton, 46 years of age, playing there.

IMMACULATE GOLF
Locke calls this course "a tough test" but he turned it into a series of threes and fours by his immaculate golf and it was nothing wrong to take an only five at the 17th, which measures 551 yards and is semi-dog-legged, so that few second shots hit the green.

The almost tropical warmth of a summer's day certainly suited the South African star, who is already a firm favourite for the first prize of £350. Cotton was almost his old brilliant best, particularly in the long game where he hit the ball with wonderful precision to suggest he will not surrender to his South African rival without a struggle.

Two iron shots stood out, one at the 330-yards seventh that landed with the ball in the hole and out again to stop a few inches away; and one at the dog-legged 420-yard 13th, which stopped four feet from the cup. An occasional putt missed alone robbed Cotton of a tie with Locke.

There were some minor failures but players have a chance to redeem themselves tomorrow, and the real struggle begins when the last three rounds open on the west course on Thursday.

LEADING SCORES

Leading scores today were:
West Course
Bobby Locke 69, Dai Rees 71, Johnny Fallon, Tom Gardner and Henry Cotton each 72, John Pritchett and Alan Waters each 73, Bill Cox, Cecil Denny, Ken Adwick, Peter Loxley, John Panton, Harry Bradshaw, Basil Sheppard, Les Topping and Tom Halliburton all 74.

East Course
Charlie Ward 67, Jimmy Adams, Bill Shankland and Eric Brown all 68, Alan Poulton, S. Hetherington and W. A. Stark (amateur) all 69, A. J. Harman, Ken Bousfield and Denis Smalldon each 70, Eric Lester, Arthur Lees, J. Cannon and A. F. Stickley all 71.—*Reuter.*

English League Beats Denmark

Copenhagen, May 5. An English League side beat Denmark by four goals to nil in a success in international football tonight.—*Reuter.*

THE AUSTRALIAN BOWLING IS SUPERIOR But England May Be Better In The Field

Says STAN McCABE

If a cricket team is superior to its opponents in batting, bowling and fielding, it is a fair assumption that it will win; even if the luck of the toss and the vagaries of the elements may not always be favourable.

Thus, if Australia is better in all three departments, you will be treading on unsafe ground if you rebut my assertion that Australia is going to win the majority of the Tests during their tour of England.

However, I am not going to make the extravagant claim that Australia will prove superior in all three departments of the game. On the contrary, I do not recall any season when Australian fielding has been at a lower ebb than during the one that has just passed.

This does not mean it has been thoroughly bad. It does mean that, in comparison with the really superb fielding of the South Africans, there is room for a great deal of improvement. For this reason, even without having seen some of the English cricketers on the field as yet, I am prepared to concede the probability that England may have

the edge on Australia in this department of the game.

But it is my considered opinion that Australia has greater batting strength and more bowling variety. With superiority in two departments out of three, Australia should win the Tests. Last night, I mentioned that Lindwall and Miller have ploughed down; but if their years have robbed them of their ability to bowl with superlative speed, they can still bowl at a pace that is disconcerting and they remain as the most consistent two-some of recent years for breaking up prolonged and unwelcome batting partnerships at vital stages of the game.

Physically, too, they're going to be nursed. Maybe they'll bowl at their top only in Tests. They are a force to be reckoned with.

MYSTERY MAN

"What's this Jack Hill like?" you may ask; for he seems to be the mystery man of the team; insofar as the public are concerned.

The answer to this question is as yet unresolved; but it is worth recording here that I know several old internationals who selected Hill as a "must" for the English tour long before he caught the eye of the selectors.

Jack Hill is a spin bowler. He can turn the ball slightly from leg or off, but there are many other spin bowlers who can do this more effectively; so this is not the factor that won him his place in the touring side.

What did win him this coveted honour is his uncanny ability to preserve an immaculate length while, at the same time, applying a marked volume of top-spin to the ball.

In the fast-medium division, Australia is singularly favoured. To Bill Johnston, left-hand fast-medium swing bowler, who is particularly effective on English wickets, must be added Alan Davidson, also a fast-medium left-hander and Ron Archer, fast-medium right-hander.

The health of each is robust. All are able to stand up to long spells of vigorous, accurate bowling without feeling the strain. They will have plenty of hard work to do on this tour. We have already discussed spin bowler Jack Hill, who puts top-spin on the ball; but who are the other spinners who will be needed to fill out the side?

They are Doug Ring, Richie Benaud and Graeme Hoie. Ring and Benaud bowl leg-spinners. Both, under favourable conditions, on sticky wickets, can be dangerous. Each is a batsman of merit.

Ring has recently lapsed somewhat as a bowler and Benaud is as yet untried on English soil; but neither can be taken lightly; nor can Graeme Hoie who, in addition to being a first-class batsman is a bowler whose medium off-spinners will prove disconcerting to English batsmen.

VERY FORMIDABLE

With two "speed merchants," three fast-medium swing bowlers of whom two are left-handers,

one top-spinner, one off-spinner and two leg-spinners, Australia's attack is very formidable.

In my opinion, no matter which of the Australians have to be omitted when actual Test teams are chosen; those who are left in will be better individually and be more varied and effective collectively than any combination of bowlers that England can select.

When one team has better bowlers than another, it is at least on the way to making victory possible. With better batsmen as well, victory should be assured. It is my personal belief that Australia is superior to England in both departments. That is why I think Australia will win the Tests.

In my next article, I will discuss Australia's batting strength.

Postal Shoots For Hongkong Archers

The Hongkong Archery Club has four overseas postal shoots for the month of May.

On Sunday, May 10 the HKAC will have a tournament with the Royal Singapore Archery Club. All members who have passed their club classification score may enter. The shoot will include men, ladies and juniors, and shoots will be held monthly with Singapore through to the fall of the year. The Singapore Club has a membership of 40 archers, most of whom are in the novice class, which will put the HKAC and the RSAC on an equal footing.

A Malayan round will be shot and details will be announced at a later date.

On Sunday, May 17, the HKAC men's team will hold an elimination tournament to determine the five highest scorers to be sent to the Bowman of Ghyll in England. This, too, is a monthly shoot that will continue until October. An Albion round will be shot.

On Sunday, May 24, the HKAC will hold an elimination shoot to select six men and four women for a postal shoot against the Admiralty Compass Archery Club in England.

AGAINST U.S. TEAM

On Sunday afternoon, May 31, the HKAC will shoot against the Holyrooke Archery Club in Massachusetts. The Holyrooke Club has a team of four men and two women. The HKAC will select the four highest men's scores and the two highest ladies' scores from the April 24 shoot to represent the Club against Holyrooke. The round selected will be the American round for ladies and men. This will be the first time that the Hongkong ladies have shot the distance of sixty yards in competition.

On June 2 and 3, the Hongkong Archers will hold a Coronation shoot. The men will shoot the double American and the ladies will shoot the double Columbia rounds.

Trophies will be awarded. The Juniors will also shoot in this tournament and details will be announced at a later date.

AUSTRALIANS' FIRST MATCH



Ray Smith of Essex hits a ball from Ring on to Hurst Park Racecourse during his dynamic innings at East Molesey when he hit the Australian bowlers for 69 in 22 minutes. — Central Press Photo.

English County Cricket Season Starts On A Thrilling Note

London, May 5.

The English County Cricket season started on a thrilling note, the match between Northamptonshire and Middlesex resulting in a tie amid tense excitement at Peterborough today.

They are the first Counties to be affected by the new points ruling for tied games. Instead of the team which led on the first innings (Northamptonshire in this case) gaining eight points and their opponents four as in previous years, each side will receive six points.

The Advisory County Cricket Committee agreed to this revised ruling when they met at Lords last November.

This is only the 14th tie in first-class cricket since the First World War. Last summer there were two instances, Sussex versus Warwickshire at Hove and Essex versus Lancashire at Brentwood.

In a game of fluctuating fortune at Peterborough, Northamptonshire appeared almost certain winners but then Middlesex captured their last three wickets while only one run was scored.

With two wickets to fall, Northamptonshire required only two runs to win and the drama heightened when the last man came in with the scores level.

With the Middlesex fielders clustered eagerly round the bat, Ken Fiddling survived the three remaining balls of the over and everything was in Northamptonshire's favour when Desmond Barrick, who had brought his side to the brink of victory with a patient innings of 80, prepared to face the next from Bill Edrich.

Barrick played defensively throughout a maiden over, so leaving Fiddling to face Jack Young, slow left-arm bowler, again. One ball was enough for Young to end the tension by clean bowling the Northamptonshire No. 11 batsman, and the Middlesex players rushed joyfully to congratulate their colleague.

This was a suitable climax to a match which had produced exciting cricket from first to last.

GOOD STARTS

Worcestershire, Hampshire and Kent all made good starts in the County Championship, winning their opening matches today.

To Worcestershire fell the distinction of being the first County Championship winners of the season. They finished their match against Somerset in just over an hour at Worcester today, gaining victory by a margin of eight wickets.

Somerset began the final day's play requiring 24 runs to avoid an innings defeat, and though the pitch remained in splendid condition Worcestershire took only 43 minutes in bringing the Somerset innings to a close, the five outstanding wickets tumbling for the addition of 32

runs to the overnight score of 158 for five.

This swift end was largely the work of John Ashman, six feet two inches tall, slow, left-arm Yorkshireman in his first season with Worcestershire as successor to Dick Howarth.

Ashman took three wickets for 18 runs this morning to bring his innings figures to four for 23 and finish with the remarkable match analysis of 36 overs, 24 maidens, 30 runs and five wickets in what was only his second match in Championship cricket.

Reg Perks, right-arm, fast-medium, started the Somerset collapse today by claiming the first wicket with his fourth delivery. Altogether he took four for 69 and had match figures of ten for 133.

Hampshire, thoroughly deserved their victory which they gained over Essex at Southampton by 172 runs.

There was little doubt about their superiority and, thanks to more splendid bowling by Charles Knott, off-spinner, they clinched the issue with two hours to spare.

Last year Knott made only five Championship appearances. This summer he is expected to be available more regularly, which is good news for Hampshire. Today he exploited a worn patch at Southampton and took five Essex wickets for 41 runs for a match analysis of nine for 93.

Kent, who finished third from bottom in the 1952 table, beat Warwickshire, the 1951 Champions, by 91 runs at Edgbaston where all the Kent bowlers were among the wickets.

THE RESULTS

Worcestershire beat Somerset by eight wickets at Worcester. Somerset 170 and 190. Worcestershire eight for 361 and nine for two.

Gloucestershire beat Oxford University by 274 runs at Oxford. Gloucestershire 307 and four for 250 declared. Oxford 190 and 92 (Lambert five for 23).

Surry beat Cambridge University by an innings and 65 runs at Cambridge. Surry four for 308 declared. Cambridge University 68 and 230 (Lock seven for 38).

At Peterborough, Northamptonshire and Middlesex tied. Middlesex 95 and 315 (Freddie Brown

six for 71). Northamptonshire 182 and 220 (Barrick not out 80, Tribe 56, Moss five for 69).

At Birmingham, Kent beat Warwickshire by 91 runs. Kent 328 and 127 (Holles five for 44). Warwickshire 180 and 178 (Dollery 52).

At Southampton, Hampshire beat Essex by 172 runs. Hampshire 194 and nine for 203 declared. Essex 152 and 183 (Knott five for 51).—*Reuter.*

Wisden's Five Cricketers Of The Year

London, May 5.

The "Five Cricketers of the Year" named in the Coronation year edition of Wisden's Cricketers' Almanack published this week are T. W. Graveney of Gloucestershire, F. S. Trueman of Yorkshire, D. S. Sheppard of Cambridge University and Sussex, Harold Gimblett of Somerset and W. S. Surridge of Surrey.

Of Trueman, Wisden's editor, Norman Preston, says: "In 1952, when he was hailed as another Lawford. Only time can confirm that conviction but it is refreshing to know, while we still have A. V. Bedder at the height of his power, there is Trueman available as the youthful spearhead."

On England's chances of regaining the Ashes, Mr Preston recalls that it took English cricket eight years to recover after the First World War—namely until 1925, when England recaptured the Ashes at the Oval under Chapman.

He adds: "It has taken English cricket the same period of time to rebuild after World War Two and we await the five Tests against Australia with the same hopeful expectation of 1925, knowing that English players, provided they show their true form, should prove worthy opponents to our old friends and foes."—*Reuter.*

Djakarta Plans Big Welcome For Victorious Homecoming Indonesian Soccer Team

Singapore, May 5.

Indonesia hopes to do better in soccer in the Second Asian Games in Manila next year and there is a strong possibility that she may send a team to play in the World Olympics in Melbourne in 1956.

Mr Mahadi, manager of the Indonesian soccer team which recently toured Hongkong, the Philippines and Bangkok, said that there was plenty of talent in Indonesia and pointed out that the team was at present made up of youngsters of not more than 19 years of age.

Mr Mahadi, who passed through on Monday with his team on the way home, said that his boys gained much experience during their tour.

especially in Hongkong where they met the toughest opposition.

A big celebration is being planned for the Indonesian team on its return to Djakarta.—*United Press.*

Another Match Ahead For Finns And Filipinos

Helsinki, May 5.

Finland beat Ireland 4-1 in the Davis Cup European Zone tennis tie and moved into the second round to meet the Philippines later this month.

In the last two matches today, Pentti Forstman of Finland beat Guy Jackson by 6-2, 7-5, 4-6, 3-6, 7-5, and Sakari Salo of Finland beat Joe Hackett by 6-2, 6-4, 6-0.—*United Press.*

SPORTS TRAIL



"The march of progress—A booklet with a hoverplane!"
London Zephyrus Edition.

Empire Honey Backed 10-1 For The Derby

Chester, May 5.

After his success in the Chester Vase here today, Lord Melford's colt Empire Honey was backed at ten to one for the Epsom Derby.

Empire Honey, who won a 10-day 13-furlong race by a neck from another Derby horse, Good Brandy, was quoted at 100 to eight at last night's Victoria Club colloquy.

Empire Honey and Good Brandy fought out an exciting finish. Empire Honey was at the back of the field for a long time. Good Brandy appeared likely to win when he headed Eastern Venture's furling and a half from home, but Empire Honey produced a fine turn of speed and moved in front about 100 yards from the post to win.—*Reuter.*

THE GAMBOLS



DESMOND HACKETT SAYS DON'T SHOOT MAC —HE'S DOING HIS BEST FOR BRITAIN

London. If there had been a murkier sports verdict than that of the Amateur Athletic Association in banning indefinitely McDonald Bailey, British and Empire No. 1 sprinter, then I have no wish to hear of it. The blood pressure will stand little more. Happily, the AAA have now changed their mind.

What in the good name of sport is the McDonald Bailey crime? He tries to give sprinters a new-style starting block which, he hopes, will propel future Britons beyond his own pace-shattering records.

If there is a more able person to think up a better idea in starting blocks, then let him appear.

In the meantime, any idea from McDonald Bailey, whose 10.2 seconds is the fastest movement between two points separating 100 metres, is good enough for me.

McBailey, having done the deep thinking, is proud of the idea and, like the honest chap he is, states that the starting block is made to his requirements.

NO SECRET

There is no secret about the AAA having been gunning for Meteoric Mac over the past five years... and not with a starting gun, either.

If the AAA are so sure that he has burst the slight barrier that lies finally between the amateur and the professional, why the indefinite ban? Why not the big decision: Don't you come back, McBailey.

I can tell you. The AAA are huddling down more than somewhat, waiting for the blast of public reaction, for the crisp questions in Parliament... questions that will be even more penetrating than the mores that are alleged to boom over Westminster.

In fact... a brisk look around and up goes the whole amateur world in one atomic blast.

The so-highly proficient British women's golfing team which won the Curtis Cup from America for the first time last year was made up largely of representatives of golfing equipment firms.

There are paid secretaries of county cricket teams who captain their sides and are still highly regarded members of the extremely choosy MCC.

STILL AMATEUR

The finest amateur golfer in these or any other isles, Ronnie White, has then an extremely useful guide to better golf. But right now he is playing for the English Amateur Championship.

Colonel Harry Llewellyn, hero of the Olympics, has lightly cashed in with a book on his twin triumphs with Foxhunter. He has since been made a CBE. And no sportsman more deserving.

That is, unless you recall that McDonald Bailey has been AAA 100 Yards and 220 Yards Sprint Champion every year, except 1948, since the war; that he was third in the 1952 Helsinki Olympic 100 Metres final, in a photo finish, when the times for the first three were identical.

Tearaway Bailey quietly remarked "I must appeal against the AAA's decision because people I've been so kind to

NO "CO-OP" FROM U.S. SERVICEMEN

London, May 5.

More teams played basketball in Britain in 1952-53 than ever before, yet the season could scarcely be called a successful one from the technical point of view.

One of the chief drawbacks from the point of view of the small but enthusiastic band of supporters of the game here, is that American service teams, which normally provide a brand of basketball far superior to that of the local teams, have withdrawn into their own leagues and played only occasional matches against British opposition.

Past seasons have shown that continued match practice against top American opposition can bring considerable improvement in British standards—but unless that opposition is forthcoming constantly, then Britain will never improve sufficiently to make a showing in the World, Olympic and European Championships and thus bring basketball to the notice of Britain's great sporting public.—United Press.

BUT WHERE ARE THE LOVE SCENES?

Sue Dawson Sees A Chinese Studio Film An Ancient Classic



Hsia Moon as Juki, the peerless beauty of the film's title, and Ping Fan as the chivalrous Duke Sinling.



Hero and heroine making books as in 300 BC in "The Peerless Beauty".

"CUT!" says Li Ping-tsin, but in Shanghai Chinese. The magic syllable brings three people from the Duke of Wei three hundred years before Christ and puts them back into the studios of the Great Wall Film Company at Hau Wong Temple, which is in Kowloon at a point where the city meets the open hills.

The lights, the cameras, the sound equipment, the blue-janed boys and girls are immediately on the move, mixing haphazardly with the gorgeous Imperial robes of old China on the classically designed set of this ancient Dukedom's Court.

Director Li—who has been directing films for more than thirty years—speaks to the wicked Grand Duke, the hero Sinling and the eventually-martyred heroine Juki about their next positions and movements.

They have just shot part of a scene for "The Peerless Beauty", a classical tragedy with Mandarin dialogue which will be completed next month, and shown in Hongkong sometime in the autumn.

It is the 24th picture the Great Wall have made since Mr Yuen Yang-an salvaged the remnants of a company in 1949, paying HK\$250,000 for the movable equipment and that commodity known as "goodwill".

Their last film was "The Torn Lily", shown here over Chinese New Year. It was also a classical tragedy with Mandarin speech and starred two of the company's most up-and-coming young stars.

Hsia Moon, a tall soft-voiced Shanghai girl of 20 with a lovely almond-shaped face had the lead, as she does in "The Peerless Beauty".

Her devoted friend was played by Shek Wei, a slightly built 18-year-old with an intelligent look and many talents. Ping Fan had the male lead as the spineless husband, and he is the hero in the new film as well, but this time one who is strong, chivalrous and kind.

It seems rather odd that in Cantonese-speaking Hongkong the Great Wall should be producing pictures with the Northern dialect. Yet apparently they go down well not only with the educated Cantonese who automatically understand Mandarin, but with the many places to which the films are exported.

These include Indo-China, Siam, Burma, Penang, the Philippines, Singapore, Borneo, Indonesia and America. And they were sent to China as well until propaganda films ceased to amuse the local authorities, so the Middle Kingdom was forthwith crossed off the list.

For a film's second run in Hongkong's smaller cinemas, the Great Wall might "dub" in Cantonese voices, but even then, local audiences seem to prefer the classical language of China with a classical film.

But this kind of thing is not favourite cinema entertainment. "Modern" pictures and comedies are undoubtedly the most popular," says Mr Yuen, "but if we make six pictures a year which do well, we can afford to make two which just cover themselves, and so we keep alive the ancient classic."

A WILD SUCCESS

There is however such a thing as an adaptation of the classic, and this in the "Modern Red Chamber Dream" was a wild success, and has been the most profitable film the Great Wall have made, for the Hongkong box office alone yielded \$220,000.

It was a modern-dress, Mandarin dialogue version of the well-known story which starts in heaven with a fairy and a sensitive plant, and ends sadly on earth.

But what about the cost of making films? "The Awful Truth" was the company's initial effort; it cost \$200,000 and brought in \$100,000 clear profit.

Today's Sport
Army v Eastern (Div 1)—Club at 2 p.m.
U.S. Air Force v R.N.—Navy Ground.
Inter-School Tennis (Wah Yan v St Paul's) boys & St Stephen's v Queen's, 2 p.m. at Chinese R.C. Tel. Hang.
Army Inter-Vict Final S.C.C. at 2 p.m. Badminton Exhibition—Southern Stadium at 2.30 p.m.

Another Soccer Season Slips Silently Into The Record Books

By TOM FINNEY

Another Soccer season slips silently into the record books. For professional footballers, the time is often one for a little retrospective thought.

For myself, this is a period of some anxiety. A damaged groin which first made its presence felt back in November threatens to keep my Soccer activities down to a minimum. That in itself is serious enough with the prospect of England's tour to South America and New York only a few days distant.

But, in addition, there is the difficult task of throwing off the trouble altogether. At first this injury was little more than a nagging problem. But lately it has developed into something more serious. The attacks become more frequent—and after a game I could scarcely walk.

Strangely it was not related to the injury which caused me to miss half the Football League match at Ibrox Park and three or four Preston games as well. Eventually I played against Arsenal in the vital Championship game at Deepdale with the groin heavily strapped.

I went along to discover the real extent of the damage from a specialist friend of mine at a

HKRA SHOOT

The bi-monthly practice shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association was held at Kai Tak Range on Sunday, when 48 members turned out to shoot.

The weather conditions were not exactly ideal for good shooting. At 300 yards there was a slight north-easterly wind and visibility was poor. At 500 yards the wind began to freshen up, while at 600 yards the wind was very tricky, causing the scores to drop. The top scorers of the day and winners of spoons were:

S.R. (b) Class—"A"—Mabel Wong, 91 points; "B"—O. Slater, 88; "C"—M.D. Wright, 80.

S.R. (a) Class—"A"—Capt. Morrow, 85; "B"—G. M. Gozno, 80; "C"—Sgt. Hepworth, 70.

The next shoot will be held on Sunday, May 17, commencing at 9 a.m. Firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards. It is hoped that as many members as possible will turn up to practice.

SPEEDWAY RESULTS

London, May 4.

Birmingham beat Harringay by 55 to 20 in a Coronation speedway match at Birmingham on Saturday night.
Belle Vue beat West Ham by 54 to 30, New Cross beat Odal 45 to 41, and Norwich beat Wembley 47 to 37 in other Coronation matches.
Division II results were Stoke 45, Wolverhampton 39; Coventry 59, Poole 25; Edinburg 40, Leicester 38.—Router.

MOVE TO BAN TAX ON SPORT IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, May 4.

The Singapore Olympic and Sports Council, most powerful sports body in this colony, has begun a fight for abolition of entertainment tax on sport.

The president of the SOS, C.C. Tan, speaking at a meeting, said sports activities were not conducted for personal pecuniary gains and there were many sports associations badly in need of money to provide urgently needed facilities.
"Pressure is being brought to bear on government to follow the lead set by the U.K. Government," said Tan.—Associated Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THIRTEENTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday 2nd & Saturday 9th May, 1953

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The programme will consist of 10 races each day. The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m. on both days.

Through Tickets for the 2nd Day (10 Races — \$20.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Agular Street, Hong Kong

332 Nathan Road, Kowloon

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In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day, including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to enforce their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

By Order of the Stewards, H. MISA, Secretary.

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Increase In Savings Of UK Companies?

By Sydney S. Campell

Reuters Financial Editor

Barring a new and highly unlikely inflation of commodity prices, or a steep slash in profit margins, British company savings will remain high in the coming year.

With falling commodity prices, they may well increase: published profits may fall because of inventory losses, but the need for money to finance stock may fall more.

During the inflation one used to say that the real name for inventory profits was capital levy; in disinflation one might say that the real name for inventory losses is liquidity.

Regardless of changes in money rates, there is a prospect of a further increase in liquidity through economies in the physical volume of stocks.

It is by causing public and private hoarding of stocks that controls and government trading are most wasteful. Free markets, disinflation and exist-

ing money rates could mean great economy in stocks.

As the Government quits the stock-holding function, the volume of stocks depends upon traders' views of the future course of markets. If they expect a continued fall in commodity prices, stocks will be cut down when the Bank Rate were reduced to zero.

The external counterpart is a further improvement in Britain's terms of trade (to further fall in the price of imports relative to the price of exports).

Britain's great benefit in that line last year was supposed to be a once-and-for-all windfall. But in fact the present terms of trade are already more favourable than the average of last year, and might improve further. That gives something in hand for the increase in imports, or finance an increase in exports without increasing internal inflationary pressure.

PRIME CASE

The prime case for gilt-edged is that everything else has become so uncertain.

But it is also possible that the balance between their supply and demand has changed in their favour. With the improvement in liquidity, the need for industrial companies to raise money by selling their holdings of gilt-edged passed away months ago.

Now the volume of liquid funds seeking safety-first investment in gilt-edged seems to have outstripped the volume of gilt-edged on offer. Hence the firmness of the gilt-edged market. Over a period, short-dated have risen more than long-dated. A funding operation to reduce the banks' liquidity might reverse this particular divergence, but not necessarily the trend of gilt-edged as a whole.

If re-stocking or any other development creates a new danger of inflation, it may be tackled by tightening money. In that case the market will have more bull than gilt-edged in the short than in the long run.

AMERICAN POLICY

Economy in stocks in Britain is all very well, but the same thing in the U.S. (inventory liquidation) might bring a world stock market.

The limitation of Keynesian expansionism has been known for years: it stops at tide-water. Britain cannot safely reflate by a soft funding policy if the Germans (because of the need of unemployment which Britain rejects) or any other reason are working twice as hard, and if the Americans have a deflationary money policy and an illiberal commercial policy.

The Treasury bill rate in the U.S. has risen to the highest in 20 years, which makes it very nearly as high as in Britain despite the great difference in long-term money rates in the two countries.

American policy may dominate money markets no less than other markets. American economists are beginning to argue that, if the inflationary danger is over, the Treasury ought to stop or even reverse its deflationary funding policy, but there is no evidence yet that the new U.S. Treasury team can or will do so.

It is very worried about the lop-sidedness of the U.S. national debt. The chances are still that, in a storm, it would, in the first instance strive to make the ship more seaworthy before it is to be more easily.

If the world situation turns out to require monetary reflation, and if the Americans, for adequate or inadequate reasons, refuse to do it fast enough, it will be very difficult for Britain to do it fast enough. — Reuters.

Japan's Sterling Policy

Tokyo, May 5.

The fate of Japan's Sterling policy rested solely on whether the framework of Japan's Sterling trade, fixed at the recent Anglo-Japanese trade and payments conference, would materialise, a Finance Ministry official, who attended the London conference, said today.

Director Tetsu Tojo, of the Finance Ministry's Foreign Exchange Bureau, who represented Japan at the conference, said that the new agreements might possibly ease Japan's pound crisis which had been expected in May or June.

Mr Tojo said that details concerning expanded application of the so-called administrative transferable account for Japan had been made clear.

However, he did not believe expanded administrative transfers would alter the existing Anglo-Japanese trade agreement.

Although he was non-committal about the rest of the agreement Mr Tojo said that the latest agreement in London had enabled Japan to exchange dollars for pounds in case of need at the open market rate.

During his London visit, he said, no arrangements were made on lowering the amount of guarantee money for letters of credit. — France-Press.

MISSION POSTPONED

Djakarta, May 5.

The departure of an Indonesian trade delegation to hold negotiations with the Japanese Government on the renewal of an Indonesian-Japanese trade pact has been postponed.

The delegation was originally expected to leave for Tokyo at the end of May, but Japanese Consulate-General sources told the United Press today that the Indonesian delegation would now go to Japan in the middle of June at the earliest. The present trade agreement, which expires in June this year, would remain valid until the new agreement had been negotiated.

Indonesia is reported to be eager to increase salt exports to Japan but the United Press said that Indonesian salt prices are considered much too high by Japanese traders. — United Press.

Cotton Prices Settle Back In New York

New York, May 5.

Cotton prices today settled back after edging into new highs. Main interest was still centred on old crop months. Evening-up in May followed the issuance of additional delivery notices for 4,200 bales. The spot month goes off the board on May 13.

Trade and speculative longs utilised the advances in July to liquidate positions or to transfer long lines to new crop months. The weekly Government crop summary was interpreted unfavourably but had little apparent market influence at the close. The summary said that the rains and wet soils retarded planting in most of the main cotton belt and that weather conditions were most unfavourable in the central belt specially in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Nearby May contract met a little more support below the 34-cent line, but other positions closed at the lows with the general list off 14 to 20 points. The market opened up 4 to off 3 points.

Prices closed as follows: — Spot 34.45, May 34.07, July 34.07, October 34.07, December 34.07, March 34.07, May 34.07, July 34.07, October 34.07, December 34.07, March 34.07.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET Spot 34.45, May 34.07, July 34.07, October 34.07, December 34.07, March 34.07, May 34.07, July 34.07, October 34.07, December 34.07, March 34.07.

TAIPEI TO AID FARMERS

Taipei, May 5.

Formosan farmers' associations will be able to obtain loans from the National authorities to enable them to carry out their functions efficiently.

The Provincial Food Bureau has drafted a set of regulations for extending low interest bearing loans to farmers' associations in Badshahzai position, to aid them in fertilizer distribution to farmers and to promote rice planting. — Reuters.

REPORT BY E.C.E. ON ECONOMIES OF SATELLITES

London, May 5.

About the time of Stalin's demise, it became clear that the worst brunt of the cold war had fallen on the peasantries of the Eastern European satellites. As it appeared that if their Governments continued to press them, it would be the Governments rather than the peasantries that would break (whatever might meanwhile happen to some millions of individual peasants), it was decided to call off the cold war.

Like all potted histories, that is an oversimplification. Like all appraisals of conditions behind the Iron Curtain, it rests on inference and fragmentary rather than complete reports. But the evidence for it, particularly as patiently collected and sifted by the Economic Commission for Europe, is not to be derided.

According to the E.C.E., with the growth of industry, the output of certain major industrial products in the Soviet Union has by now become comparable with that of the six Schuman plan countries plus the United Kingdom which, together, contain about the same population; the output of coal, electricity and steel in the Soviet Union is about one-half of that in Western Europe and is increasing at a much faster rate than can be expected for Western Europe.

Allowing that, by maintaining lower living standards, the Soviet Union can devote a larger proportion of its output to defence and investment, it may be ahead of Western Europe. It has been observed that, if the world did not happen to have been earmarked for another purpose, the best prescription of the Soviet economic system would be "capitalism."

The make-weight on Western Europe's side is the U.S. It is a rather important make-weight, inasmuch as in many lines it outweighs Western Europe and Russia put together. It does so notably in steel, and, in this Iron Age, war is a steel product.

The outstanding inference from the E.C.E. Survey was that the East European satellites, have deliberately courted the most arduous phase of their progress towards Communism, the battle with the peasants.

Having got what they asked for, the presumption is that they can't take it. When Stalin waged the same battle in Russia in the early 1930's he was far firmer in the saddle and had a vastly better administrative machine than has any of the East European countries, and he was not simultaneously courting external conflicts. Yet, even in Russia, this battle caused some of the greatest convulsions in modern times, and had temporarily to be called off, for consolidation, after Stalin's enigmatic "Dizzy from Success."

In the current "plans" of the East European countries, the proportions of national income devoted to investment are at least as high as any that can be found in Western Europe with much higher income levels. Now it is very creditable for a poor man to "save" as high a proportion of his income as a rich man.

Official Communist statistics have made it plain for years that the industrialisation of the Soviet countries was outrunning its agricultural base. When they failed to offer their customary grain export surpluses to Western Europe, the common explanation was political but the much likelier explanation was economic: the surpluses had disappeared.

The investment has concentrated almost exclusively on heavy industries, which can give rise to increased supplies of consumer goods only in several years' time.

THE RESULT Despite the pressure on food from growing population and rapid industrialisation, investment per head in agriculture in Eastern Europe is a smaller proportion of total investment per head than in nearly all Western European countries.

As a result, in all Eastern European countries, agricultural production is still about, or below, the pre-war level, while demand for agricultural products in the expanding towns has greatly increased.

On the official Communist statistics, agricultural production in Hungary is at the pre-war level while more than a 50 per cent expansion in industry and urbanisation.

In Czechoslovakia agricultural production is given as 10 per cent below pre-war, while national income is up 40 per cent. Between 1947 and 1951 agricultural share in the gross national product of Rumania declined from 50 per cent to 33 per cent, and in Poland from 24 per cent to 19 per cent. — Reuters.

NEW YORK MARKET Prices of rubber futures closed today 45 to 50 lower with sales totalling 45 contracts. Bullish sentiment in futures evaporated overnight with lower cables inviting realising and hedge selling. Prices closed as follows:

No. 1 standard. May 25.25 asked, 25.25 bid, 25.25 nominal, 25.25 nominal, 25.25 nominal, 25.25 nominal, 25.25 nominal, 25.25 nominal, 25.25 nominal, 25.25 nominal.

No. 3 standard. May 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal, 24.50 nominal.

LONDON TIN MARKET The tin market was steady today. Turnover was 225 tons, including 25 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 231 1/2, 231 1/2, 231 1/2, 231 1/2, 231 1/2, 231 1/2, 231 1/2, 231 1/2, 231 1/2, 231 1/2.

Flax Seed Price New York, May 5. Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exception: — Flax seed, per bushel, f.o.b. Minneapolis \$3.79. — United Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, May 5.
Japanese bonds "A" (4s. of 1899) 81 1/2
Japanese bonds "B" (4s. of 1910) 60
Japanese bonds "C" (5s. of 1899) 123
Japanese bonds "D" (5s. of 1924) 100 1/2
Japanese bonds "E" (5 1/2s. of 1930) 141 1/2
Consols 60-3/10
— United Press.

Prosperity Comes To Islands

Washington, May 5.

A record crop of cloves is expected this year from two small islands off the east coast of Africa, Zanzibar, former ivory, and slave trade centre, and nearby Pemba, which produces nine-tenths of the world's supply of cloves, said a National Geographic Society news bulletin.

"The islands are enjoying a prosperity unknown even in the old days when Zanzibar was the chief gateway to Africa for traders from the east and west, and an exploring place for famous explorers," the bulletin said.

"Since 1950, world demand and short supply has sent up the price of cloves by 700 per cent, recalling the days when the spice was so valuable that a single cargo more than paid the cost of Ferdinand Magellan's ill-fated first round the world voyage."

"Least affected by yearly crop fluctuations is the housewife's spice shelf, where a box of cloves may last for months. The largest shipments of cloves, about 3,000 tons annually, go to Indonesia and into the favourite Indonesian cigarette, a mixture of 40 per cent cloves and 60 per cent tobacco. Lately, due to high prices, smokers have had to be content with a proportion of four parts cloves to 96 parts of tobacco."

"The next largest customer is India, where cloves are chewed with betel nut or mixed with other spice in highly seasoned dishes."

"America and Europe combined import about 2,000 tons a year. Principal consumers are medicine and cosmetic manufacturers and confectioners. Oil of cloves as a fragrance, seasoning and preservative was well known to the ancients and highly recommended by one Chinese sage in the third century B. C. as a breath sweetener."

"While manufacturers try synthetic substitutes to combat the high cost, scientists have been searching since 1947 for the cause of the clove blight, known for years only as 'sudden death.'"

"The latest suspect is a hitherto undescribed species of fungus which attacks the roots and spread through the tree, producing an intense yellow colour." — Reuters.

Pepper Market

New York, May 5.

Higher Indian cables and uneasiness over the tenor of the news from Indo-China and Korea brought a higher trend in the pepper market today.

Business developed slowly as dealers marked prices up to \$1.44-\$1.45 a pound, on an ex-dock basis, across the board from spot out to June shipment. — United Press.

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(From Our Correspondent)

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Cement 14,500

STORES, ETC.
Dairy XD 10 10,500 500 10,500
Watson 21,700 500 10,500

COTTONS
Raw 2,350 2,450 1,000 2,35

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, May 5.

A reactionary swing in cotton and a late setback in grains combined to lower the general commodity price level after a steady start today.

Wheat closed 1/4 to 1 1/2 lower and soybeans were 5/8 to 1 1/4 lower. Prices closed as follows: —

Wheat—price per bushel
Spot 2.18 nominal
May 2.17 3/4
July 2.19 1/4
September 2.20 1/4
December 2.22 1/4
March 2.23 1/4

Corn
Spot 1.61
May 1.59 1/2
July 1.60 1/4
September 1.60 3/4
December 1.60
March 1.60

Oats
May 1.59 1/2
July 1.60 1/4
September 1.60 3/4
December 1.60
March 1.60

Exchange Rates
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: —
U.S. dollar 5.9225
Sterling note (per £1) 15.72
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 22.60
Siam scale (per 100) 1.23
Singapore (Straits) 1.23
FIC piastres (per 100) 12.975

Scrap Steel Price
New York, May 5.
Prices in the metal market closed unchanged. With the following exception: —
Scrap steel, f.o.b. per ton, (No. 1 heavy melting) \$35.00 nominal. — United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Without Interest

IT would intrigue me to know at what stage of his career James gave himself up as hopeless, and abandoned interest in his own affairs.

He must once have been a boy, possessed of energy and zest, for there is nothing wrong basically with his health even now; he must once have been a young man and have dreamt of a young man's dreams of what the future could hold.

Seeing him now, it strains belief to imagine he could ever have been other. He is only 32, but he looks as old and decrepit and "decayed" as a centenarian might who had dwelt for 50 years in the rubble and dust of some dead city.

James was caught late the other evening trying to open the doors of cars parked in the side-streets around Leicester Square. When the two policemen challenged him and told him they were going to arrest him, he said: "You're not talking to a fool, you know."

HUGE EFFORT
They took him to the police station and brought him next morning to Bow Street, where before Mr. Bertram Reece, he pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The story was told in elaborate detail, but when James turned to speak, he heaved himself up with huge effort from his seat in the dock, and contented himself with observing in a grey, dreary tone: "I was just walking around."

"The officer suggests your activities were rather different," said the magistrate. "Would you like to say anything about that?"

SLENDER DETAILS
BUT James had bent the white, that of his head, and burrowed his chin into his greasy-stained grimy tunic, and was examining his hands with an interest that almost suggested he had never before realised he possessed such things. He did not answer the magistrate, who therefore was obliged to find him guilty.

A woman detective sergeant read out to Mr. Reece slender details of James's career.

There were a number of previous convictions against him; he had been found guilty in 1926 of loitering to pick pockets, then had disappeared from the sight of the police for ten years, when he was picked up for wandering abroad. Five years after that he was found guilty of loitering with intent to steal from shopping bags.

On none of these occasions was he dealt with anything but leniently, but of what he had done between his small adventures into crime, we were told very little.

YAWNING
He doesn't appear very bright, said the magistrate, glancing at James, who was yawning his

head off, having grown bored evidently with studying his hands.

"There's nothing wrong mentally," said the officer. "Oh no, of course," said the magistrate, "he gave himself a testimonial when he was arrested, didn't he?"

He reminded James, all the same, for the doctors to look at him. When James next hoisted himself laboriously into the dock, another magistrate, Mr. Frank Milton, was on the bench. The doctors, it seemed, had found nothing much wrong with James except that he was in an appallingly dirty condition.

DEPLORABLE STATE

"He really has got into a deplorable state," said Mr. Badger, the probation officer. "Awful, awful, for his age," the magistrate agreed. He turned to James. "You're 32," he said, "but what is sometimes called the prime of life, and you've got yourself into this dreadful state."

"I am sending you to prison for three months partly in the hope that some sort of discipline and regular regime will help pull you together, otherwise, the outlook for you is deplorable."

James did not seem to be listening. The magistrate might have been speaking to someone in whom he had not the slightest interest, and in a sense he was.

Canal Zone Talks

Cairo, May 6.

Britain and Egypt are expected to make a joint statement today on the "first phase" of their talks on the evacuation of the Suez Canal zone, about which they have up to now disclosed very little.

They were reported in diplomatic quarters last night to have made considerable progress, and Aly Zein Abidin, Director of the Egyptian government's Political Department, said: "The atmosphere is always good."

Yesterday's session lasted three hours and the delegations resumed the task today.

They are reported to have been discussing precise terms of reference for joint technical committees to make on the spot studies in the great military base.

Future maintenance of the base in working order is one of the problems under negotiation.

—Reuter.

Off To Edinburgh

London, May 6.

Crown Prince Akihito of Japan left London by train to Edinburgh on a fortnight's tour of Scotland. —Reuter.

Safe Conduct Passes As Bait To Guerillas

Singapore, May 6.

High Commissioner General Sir Gerald Templer has started a new drive to get jungle terrorists to surrender, which official quarters hope may break the back of the Communist guerilla resistance in Malaya.

Millions of safe conduct passes, each bearing Gen. Templer's signature, will be dropped over Malayan jungles from Johore Straits in the south to the Thailand border.

It will be the first time that safe conduct passes with the commissioner's signature will have been used in the campaign to end Malaya's nearly five-year-old war against Communist terrorism.

Gen. Templer's new campaign is aimed at non-Communist terrorists who form a large bulk of the Communist jungle forces. All passes to be dropped will carry a special message from Gen. Templer asking the guerillas to desert their Communist leaders.

"Many of you, who are now still fighting for the Communist leaders in the jungles of Malaya, are not hardened criminals but youths who were tricked and intimidated into following the wrong path," Gen. Templer's message reads. "There is no hope in Communism, and in your hearts you know that."

Gen. Templer told them that they "should live to serve the common interests of the people of Malaya than to live like wild beasts in the jungle. We therefore call upon you to hide your arms and equipment and report to the nearest police or military officer."

The messages are written in Chinese, Malay and Tamil.

Squadrons of Royal Air Force planes will be used in the big air-drop. —United Press.

Coronation Ban

London, May 5.

The Nyasaland Supreme Council of Chiefs of Congress and People has decided to ban all Coronation celebrations in Nyasaland as part of their protest against a central African federation, a message from Blantyre, Nyasaland, reported today.

Other measures announced included a ban on the recruitment of labour to South Africa and Rhodesia and a policy of non-co-operation with various executive organs, including the Legislative Council.

These are "preliminary" measures, the Council stated, adding that they "deeply regret" Parliament's rejection of their request for a hearing. —Reuter.

NO EVIDENCE OFFERED

Two Chinese men were acquitted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on a charge of effecting a public mischief, when the Prosecution offered no evidence against them.

The defendants, Yu Lam-hing, 48, of 8 Kwong Yuen Street, first floor, and Yee Shu-chung, 29, of 1 Glass Street, ground floor, were alleged to have conspired to obtain falsely a passport from the United States Consul in Hongkong on dates between 1932 and this year.

New Proposal For POWs

Panmunjom, May 6.

The United Nations Command today, in an effort to break the deadlock on the fate of post-armistice prisoners, proposed that all prisoners of Korean nationality be released immediately after an armistice and settle where they choose in Korea.

The Communists requested a 40-minute adjournment after today's session had been in progress 14 minutes, and the United Nations Command agreed. —Reuter.

'What's Her Line?' Solution

—MADDERVANT

London Express Service



Two men of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea constabulary are welcomed to Australia by 15-month-old Bradley Gray. They are among a contingent of 25 policemen on their way to London for the Coronation. —London Express.

Reds Make Switch In Laos Offensive

Paris, May 5.

The Vietminh High Command today appears to have switched the main weight of the offensive in Laos, from the Royal capital of Luang Prabang to the rich Mekong river plain on the Thailand (Siamese) border, according to military reports reaching here today.

The French cabinet is expected to discuss the situation tomorrow.

French forces ranging out in sorties 15 miles north and northeast of Luang Prabang did not encounter any Vietminh troops and there is a growing feeling in military quarters that the threat against the Royal seat has diminished.

A French news agency dispatch said the French High Command was taking a serious view of the situation northwest of Vientiane, the administrative capital of Laos following the Vietminh thrust towards Pakxan situated on the Mekong river on the Laos-Thailand border.

Military quarters here said it was possible that the Vietminh commander General Vong Ngyen Giap was trying to reach the Mekong plain to assure his troops of rice supplies before the imminent rainy season sets in.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES
Another possibility was that the Vietminh commander was trying to make contact with the 60,000 supporters who live across the Mekong river in Thailand and who would be able to supply arms.

Or the Vietminh may be trying to cut Laos in two. Reports from Indo-China suggest there may be Vietminh commando raids against Luang Prabang to harass the population or even to kidnap the King.

M. Gilbert Granval, French Ambassador in the Saar, is being increasingly tipped as a strong candidate for the post of High Commissioner in Indo-China.

An assurance that France would not abandon any of her Indo-China associates was given today by M. Jean Ledoux, France's Minister for the Indo-China Associated States when he arrived in Saigon after six weeks in France and America.

"France will pursue her military efforts in Indo-China and increase them if necessary," he said. "The main stronghold of Indo-China will be defended." —Reuter.

Woman's Offence In Magistracy

"People come to Court for justice, not to contract TB," remarked Mr. Hin-shing Lo this morning before fining a neatly-dressed 20-year-old Chinese woman, Wu Chai-fung, \$30 or 30 days for spitting in the premises of the Central Magistracy.

The defendant was arrested yesterday morning when she was seen expectorating in the corridor of the Magistracy.

A Unique Distinction

New York, May 5.

Mr. Thomas Toranzo Nishio, 54, became an American citizen today and United States immigration officials believe he is the first person born in Japan to gain citizenship in this area without a special Act of Congress in almost 100 years.

Mr. Nishio, a clerk in Wall Street, was one of 290 persons from 32 countries to take the oath of allegiance before Federal Judge Clarence Galston.

Mr. Ernest Le Mothe, naturalisation supervisor, said Mr. Nishio was admitted to citizenship under provisions of the McCarran Immigration Act.

Mr. Le Mothe said he believed Mr. Nishio was the first native of Japan to become a citizen without a special Act of Congress in almost 100 years.

Mr. Nishio was brought here by his parents in 1909. The parents later returned to Japan and Mr. Nishio stayed here with an aunt. He has two daughters, one a Roman Catholic nun. —Reuter.

Steel Rationing Abolished

London, May 5.

Britain today abolished steel rationing, effective from tomorrow, for the second time since World War II.

The Minister of Supply, Mr. Duncan Sandys, announced the move in the House of Commons. Only linotype will continue under rationing.

Mr. Sandys said that rationing was being abolished because of improved supplies. The nationalised British steel industry — now being denationalised — raised production from 15,038,000 ingot tons in 1951 to 16,420,000 ingot tons last year.

Production this year is expected to be 17,500,000 tons. Steel rationing was imposed in 1940, lifted in 1952 and reimposed in 1951 because of the rearmament programme. —United Press.

Russia To Be Told Mail West Willing To Go Half Way

Strasbourg, May 6.

Western Europe's Foreign Ministers are expected to tell Russia they will go half way in any genuine attempt to end East-West tension after their two-day conference which opens here today.

The Ministerial Committee of the 15-nation Council of Europe, meeting for the first time for a year, will debate Moscow's recent peace moves before drafting its annual message to the Consultative Assembly.

Because of Sweden's traditional neutrality, the message will be couched in general terms.

It is not expected to suggest any specific means of reaching agreement between Communist and non-Communist areas. The Committee is preparing for Thursday's opening session of the Assembly consisting of 32 Parliamentarians from France, Belgium, Denmark, Western Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Turkey, Britain and the Saar.

The Ministerial group is expected to adopt five contentions to introduce common European racial and educational services. The agreement has been ready for a year, but has been held up because of a dispute between Germany and France over the Saar being a signatory to the pact.

SOLUTIONS DEVISED
Several solutions to the problem have now been devised.

The one most likely to be adopted would remove the need for signatures, and allow members to adhere to the agreement by depositing letters with the Council.

Mr. Van Zeeland, Belgian Foreign Minister, who will preside over the Committee, is expected to press for a more active role for the Council, both as a separate organisation and in relation to the six-nation European Steel and Coal Community.

One of the main problems facing the Committee is the maintenance of close links between the Community—consisting of West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—and the other European nations in the Council of Europe.

The Community, which plans to set up a defence and political organisation, threatens to overshadow the purely consultative all-European body, which has no executive powers but makes recommendations to the Committee of Foreign Ministers. —Reuter.

JOINT APPROACH
Diplomats in Washington, London and Paris are working hard on a joint approach to Russia on her recent peace feelers, according to diplomatic sources here.

But reports that the "Big Three" are about to send a Three-Power note to the Kremlin were described in official diplomatic quarters tonight as "premature."

The sources agreed that progress in the exchange of views between the three countries had been made since the article in the Soviet Communist party newspaper, Pravda, on April 25, suggesting talks with the West to end world tension. —Reuter.

MILLIONS TAKE OATH
Lagos, May 6.

Two million people are estimated to have taken the Mau Mau oath in Kenya, according to Chief Minister Oginga Odinga, who helped Mr. D. N. Pritt, QC, in the defence of Jomo Kenyatta and other Africans on Mau Mau charges.

Describing Mau Mau as "an armed uprising of the white people against the white settlers of Kenya," Mr. Odinga said: "The oath is a terrible one and its fulfilment becomes fanatics worse in degree than the Hitler youths."

Mr. Davies added that the fact that 2,000,000 people were believed to have sworn the oath might mean "a fight to the finish unless justice is done." —Reuter.

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